

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 remain active in this case, and Claims 1, 2, and 6 are amended.

In the Outstanding Office Action, the Specification was objected to for not including brief descriptions of Figs. 33 and 34; and Claims 1-20 were allowed.

The amendment to the Specification corrects the informalities identified in the outstanding Office Action. Support this amendment is found in the Specification at page 47, lines 3-5 and page 62, lines 1-20, for example, and no new matter is added.

The amendments to Claims 1, 2, and 6 are believed to be self-evident corrections to avoid possible antecedent basis problems and to clarify that an interpretation under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, is intended. No new matter is added, and no new search is required. The Amendment is believed to be clearly directed to only matters of form and should, accordingly be entered.

As no other issues are believed to remain outstanding relative to this application, it is believed to be clear that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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